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**WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/March 18-28, 2004**

**NEW!! HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)**-Work will get underway on Monday, March 22 on this resurfacing project in northeastern Adams County. On the schedule is median and shoulder excavation. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on Wednesday, March 24, rock blasting will be underway in the vicinity of milepost 235. This work will be underway between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 15 minutes when blasting operations are underway.

**VERY HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)-**

- On Saturday, March 20, westbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane for most of the day. The contractor will be installing additional reflective markers. There may be short duration westbound on and off ramp closures as the contractor works through those areas. Westbound motorists should be alert for slow traffic, congestion, and delays.
- I-90 in the Spokane Valley is now in a long-term traffic configuration. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

**SR 20/Tiger to Blueslide (MP 390-405)**-Load restrictions will be lifted at Noon on Friday, 3/19.

**NEW!! SR 25/Fort Spokane Bridge (MP 23)**-Monday through Thursday, March 22-25, work will be underway on the navigation lighting system on this bridge. Bridge traffic will be reduced to one lane during working hours with flaggers directing traffic.

**SR 27-Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)**-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

**SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)**-Emergency load restrictions in force. The restrictions help prevent further damage to the roadway surface by limiting the weight of vehicles in this section of highway in Pend Oreille county. This will be re-evaluated on Monday or Tuesday.

**NEW!! US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges**-Work will get underway on Monday, March 22 on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Items on the schedule include sign placement and some clearing work. Motorists on Farwell may experience some short delays. No main highway traffic impacts.

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